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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please enter the following amendments to paragraph 0027 of the present application as follows:

[0027] An example of the manner in which a user terminal 102 can be selected to operate as a router, or to refrain from operating as a router, according to an embodiment of the present invention will now be described with reference to Figs. 1 and 2 and the flowcharts shown in Figs. 3 and 4. As shown in Fig. 3, when a user terminal 102 is turned on, or when a periodic routing table information update occurs, the controller 112 of the user terminal 102 updates the routing table of the user terminal 102 in step 1000 as appropriate to include information pertaining to the ability of a user terminal 102 to operate as a router. As discussed above, this information can include, among other things, information pertaining to the state of the battery of the user terminal 102. During this routing table process, the controller 112 determines in step 1010 whether or not its user terminal 102 is to be permitted to operate as a router.